Corporation, Pondichcrry is a Public Sector Undertaking of the Government of Pondicherry. It was taken over, by the Government of Pondicherry under the Anglo-French Textiles Limited (Acquisition & Transfer of Textile Undertaking) Act, 1986. Since then, it is being managed by the Government of Pondicherry. Therefore, efficient and smooth running of the mill including its modernisation, marketing of manufactured textile goods and inventory management come within the purview of the Government of Pondicherry. However, Government of India have launched a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for textile and jute industries, which is in operation since 1st April, 1999 for a period of 5 years. No separate provision is made under the scheme to any mill, including those under the Pondicherry Textile Corporation. Any eligible textile/jute unit can avail of funds within the frame work of the scheme and normal financial norms of the concerned financial institution/ Bank.

Shifting APKK&M head office to Kerala

756. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the head office of APKK&M a subsidiary of the NTC is at Bangalore and out of the seven mills currently working under it five mills are located in Kerala and one in Mahe; and

(b) if so, whether Government will consider the proposal to shift the head office of this subsidiary to a place in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) NTC (APKK&M) has 16 mills, of which 5 mills are located in Kerala, 6 in Andhra Pradesh, 4 in Karnataka and 1 in Mahe.

The Headquarter of NTC (APKK&M) has been at Bangalore since its inception.

(b) No proposal for change of Headquarter is under consideration at present.